

How to Contact the Rector

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Notice Sheet Content Contact

The four churches office is situated in the Dorothy Pluck room in St Mary's Fowlmere. It is open from 9am to noon on Wednesdays and Thursdays, where you will find Laura Tudor, our administrator. She can be contacted by email office@thefourchurchbenefice.org or by telephone 07354 998440 Items for next weeks' Notice Sheet MUST be with Laura in the Church Office ready for 9am on Thursday morning as it will be printed by 12 noon on Thursday.

If you would prefer to receive the Notice Sheet electronically, please email the rector. His contact details are above.

Scam warning

It has recently come to our notice that Gift card fraud is an increasingly common way of tricking victims into purchasing gift cards and sharing their details, leading to financial loss. Please be aware that there have been scam messages circulating which appear to come from clergy asking people to buy gift cards or provide financial help urgently. Please be aware that we will never ask for money, gift cards, vouchers, or personal details by email, text message, or social media. If you receive a message of this kind, do not respond and do not send any money. Please report it to Laura in the Church Office or to Rev David and we will take it up.

Donations

To make a donation, choose your parish church or the benefice QR code below to visit the Parish Giving Scheme, where you can choose to make either a one-off or regular donation.



The 4 Churches are St Mary's Fowlmere, St Laurence's Foxton, All Saints' Shepreth and St George's Thriplow
www.thefourchurchbenefice.org

The 4 Churches Notice Sheet

Notice Sheet for Sunday 1st February, Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Communion with Children's Church at St George's Thriplow

This service is being livestreamed and can be accessed at www.twitch.tv/fourchurchbenefice. The recording will be available straight away on the same site and will later be also made available on our YouTube channel. If you have any concerns about being included in the recording, please speak to the rector or the church warden.

Psalm 36:5-10

- ⁵ Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.
⁶ Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep.
You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.
⁷ How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.
⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.
¹⁰ Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

Matthew 5:1-12

⁵ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.
⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Collect for 1st February

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Week commencing 2nd February

Tuesday: 9.00am - Morning Prayer on Zoom (link on the 4 Church Website)

10.00am - 11.30am Church Café at St Mary's Fowlmere

Saturday 2.00pm Funeral of Gwyneth Page at St Mary's Fowlmere

7.00pm for 7.30pm STREAM Quiz and Puddings at
Foxton Village Hall

Sunday 8th February 10.15am All Age Service with Communion
at St Mary's Fowlmere

Prayers for the Bereaved

Please pray for the families and friends of George Cook, Colin Fuller, Gwyneth Page, Gerald Payne and Rita Philips.

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Christine Gadd, Anne Sidebottom, Jose Taylor Linda Allars and John de Jong (Esther Paterson's Dad).

Gwyneth Page's Funeral

Gwyneth's funeral will be on Saturday 7th February in St Marys at 2pm and afterwards in Fowlmere Village Hall. On the day, we will welcome donations of plates of sandwiches or savoury bites as well as any home baking (cakes, scones, biscuits). If you are willing to offer some food for the buffet, please contact Lisa, Jane or Liz who are coordinating the event and tell them what you can offer. Food can be dropped off at the village hall on Saturday morning from 10-11am before the event or brought along after the service. Gwyneth was such a strong member of our church family. This will be a perfect tribute to her as she loved village community life so much for coming together when called!

Thank you in anticipation

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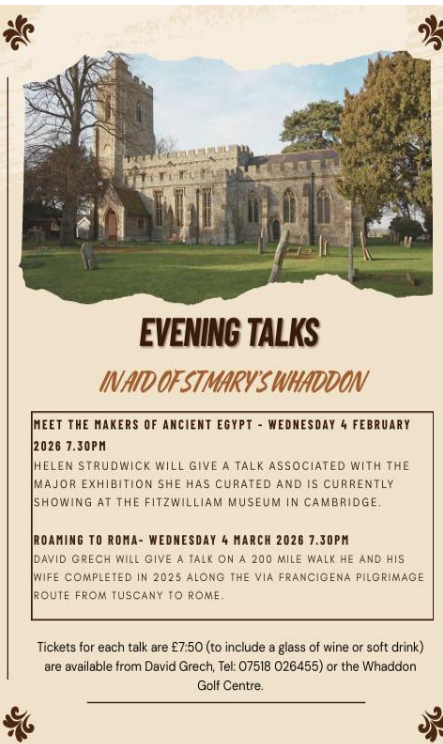
Admission to Communion and Confirmation

Last year I said that I would be preparing people for admission into Communion and for Confirmation. I can now give more details about this.

I hope to admit into Communion anyone who would like to be, on one of Palm Sunday, 29th March or Easter Sunday, 5th April at St Mary's Fowlmere. This is generally for children aged 7 or above who regularly attend worship with us. Preparation will be two sessions of around 30 minutes each where we talk about the meaning of Communion, and why we share Communion. The only requirement is that the person should have been baptised.

In addition we will be holding a confirmation service, also at St Mary's Fowlmere with Bishop Graham Kings on Sunday July 12th. This is the time when people who have been baptised either confirm the promises they make at baptism, or make those promises themselves which at baptism were made on their behalf. I am currently putting the preparation for this together, but is likely to involve around 6 hour long sessions. Minimum age for confirmation is generally 11

If you or your child are interested in either of these then do let me know.
Rev'd David



EVENING TALKS
IN AID OF ST MARY'S WHADDON

MEET THE MAKERS OF ANCIENT EGYPT - WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2026 7.30PM
HELEN STRUDWICK WILL GIVE A TALK ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAJOR EXHIBITION SHE HAS CURATED AND IS CURRENTLY SHOWING AT THE FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM IN CAMBRIDGE.

ROAMING TO ROMA - WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2026 7.30PM
DAVID GRECH WILL GIVE A TALK ON A 200 MILE WALK HE AND HIS WIFE COMPLETED IN 2025 ALONG THE VIA FRANCIGENA PILGRIMAGE ROUTE FROM TUSCANY TO ROME.

Tickets for each talk are £7.50 (to include a glass of wine or soft drink) are available from David Grech, Tel: 07518 026455) or the Whaddon Golf Centre.



Stream Quiz & Puddings

Saturday the 7th of February
Foxton Village Hall
Doors open at 7pm
Prompt 7:30pm start

Tickets: £12.50 per person
Free ticket when you bring a pudding for 8
Maximum 8 on a quiz team

Reserve your table at:
foxton.stream@hotmail.com

Raffle prizes & Licensed bar

Stream
St Laurence Trust for Restoration & Maintenance